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REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the following remarks. Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified priority document.

Claims 24-26 and 28-42 are pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated the allowance of claims 29-42. Further, the Examiner indicated that claim 27 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of claim 24. Claim 27 has been canceled and incorporated into claim 24. Accordingly, claim 24 should be in allowable condition as well as claims 25, 26 and 28, all of which are dependent on claim 24.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims 24-26 and 28-42 are allowable in light of the preceding amendments and remarks. Allowance of the claims is courteously solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and due in

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connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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